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SUBJ: LIBYAN EVENTS: SOVIET ANGLE PLAYED UP

1. ACCORDING TO AHRAM DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, FONMIN FAHMY
SUMMONED SOVIET CHARGE AKOPOV SEPTEMBER 2 FOR SCOLDING ON SOVIET
ATTITUDE TOWARDS EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN DISPUTE. FAHMY CHARGED THAT
SOVIET POSITION AND "PRESS CAMPAIGN" ARE "INTERVENTION IN
EGYPTIAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND INTERFERENCE IN DECISIONS DEALING
WITH EGYPTIAN INTERNAL SECURITY". STORY NOTES THAT SOVIET UN
MISSION HAS DISTRUBUTED AUGUST 30 PRAVDA ARTICLE IN SPECIAL
BULLETIN.

2. AKHBAR TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CONDEMN "LIBYAN-SOVIET ALLIANCE"

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AS ANTI-ARAB FRONT. USSR SEEKING CONTROL EVENTS IN

ARAB WORLD.

3. PRESS GAVE CYNICAL TREATMENT TO REPORT THAT QADHAFI HAS DECIDED TO RELEASE EGYPTIANS JAILED IN LIBYA ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE. QADHAFI HAD REPORTEDLY ARRESTED EGYPTIANS ON HEELS OF ALEXANDRIA AND CAIRO BOMBINGS BUT "DECIDED TO APPEAR TOLERANT" WHEN HE LEARNED THAT EGYPTIANS WORKING IN LIBYA MIGHT DESERT LIBYAN ECONOMY.

5. PAPERS KEPT RECENT HIJACKING ON FRONT PAGES WITH RELEASE OF BILL OF INCIDENT AGAINST ACCUSED. TRIAL TAKES PLACE SEPTEMBER 7 BEFORE MILITARY JUDGE. PRESS DOES NOT CONFIRM THAT TRIAL WILL BE PUBLIC.
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